

## LITTLE FLORENCE NOT THE ONLY BURGLAR.

President Brock's "Baby" Daughter Could Never Have Secured the Booty Alone.

Other Arrests Will Be Made for the Theft of Mrs. Trowbridge's Rich Trousseau.

POLICE SAY GEORGIA IS GUILTY.

Her Dainty Shoe Fits the Footprints That Led to the Arrest of the Two Pretty Girls.

Rarely has there been so perplexing a case as that of Miss Georgia Brock and her twelve-year-old sister, Florence, who, as told yesterday, were arrested Tuesday for burglary. Miss Georgia, who is twenty-one years old, prepossessing and intelligent, maintained that her sister had taken the goods and that, fearing harm would come to the little one, she had endeavored to conceal the theft.

Both girls have been sent away from home to stay with relatives, and it is not likely they will come back until their trial begins.

The police are in considerable of a tangle over the matter. In the first place they do not believe Miss Georgia's tale. They say it would have been impossible for the younger sister to carry all the booty that was stolen, unless she made at least thirty trips. Then Detective Robert McNaught, Jr., who has gone over the ground carefully, is convinced that the footprints which were found upon the bed in the house of Mrs. Brock P. Trowbridge, at No. 331 West Seventy-first street, and also upon the bed in the room to which the plunder was taken, at No. 330, the same street, were made by Miss Georgia's shoe. The detectives hold the shoe—a delicate, fragile looking thing—in evidence.

### WHY SUCH A THEFT?

Convinced, as they are, that Miss Georgia was not merely an accessory, but the thief herself, they have been racking their brains to figure out what her motive was. Many people came to the station-house yesterday to see the fiery that remained in the



Miss Georgia Brock and Her Little Sister Florence.

to await examination by the Grand Jury, hurried to their home and consulted with their friends. That night they were seen to leave the house. They carried travelling bags and were apparently about to start on a journey. Their father remained at home.

"My daughter Florence has confessed," he said, "that she took the articles from the house of Mr. Trowbridge and Mrs. Richard Musser. Florence has given us a world of trouble, despite the fact that she is only twelve years old. My wife has heart disease, and only a few days ago underwent a delicate surgical operation. Georgia had heard the doctors say that the slightest excitement might cause her death. So it was that when Georgia found these things in little Florence's room, she acted on impulse and determined to keep all knowledge of the matter from her mother."

"Florence had told her she had taken the things to wear in private theatricals. Now I maintain that when the Trowbridges discovered their loss and suspected the girls they should have come to me instead of going to the police."

"In my opinion it was a case where Florence should have been soundly spanked, the goods returned to the Trowbridges and nothing more said about it. But the Trowbridges failed to appreciate the feelings of a parent."

"The sight of the detectives frightened Georgia, and she packed the stuff in a trunk and sent it to the warehouse. She intended to go the next day and have the trunk sent to the Trowbridges. It is true, the trunk was stored in the name of Mr. E. W. Robinson. He is the son of a former Minister in Germany and a young man of excellent character. Georgia is his fiancée, and the day for their wedding has been set. Not long ago he secured a responsible position in Elmira. He had to report at once, and the young people found it necessary to send stuff intended for their future home, into storage. Under these circumstances, it was natural for her to store the trunk in his name."

"I have been married thirty years and have eight children. Only the other day I bought a rawhide and laid it on my desk. That was meant as a silent warning for the children. Florence has given us a great deal of trouble, and we have been trying to decide on a place to which to send her."

"To sum it all up, I believe certain persons are trying to levy blackmail on me; but I will not be bled."

AN OFFER OF COMPROMISE.  
Indirect offers were made to the Trowbridges yesterday to settle the case out of court. The names of the persons who acted in the matter were not made public, but it is known that the Trowbridges refused to accept any compromise and insisted that the law should take its course.

Mrs. Musser is reported to have said that she would not enter any formal charge against the girl, provided her goods were returned.

All the stolen property found in the Columbia warehouse has been identified and claimed by the owners. The Trowbridges took their share home yesterday, but Mrs. Musser's property is still at the station house.

Following is a complete list of the articles Florence Brock admits she took from the Musser and Trowbridge houses, and carried over the roofs to her father's house: Articles belonging to Mrs. Trowbridge:

One white silk dress, trimmed with rich black lace, and made by Worth, of Paris.  
An opera cloak of crimson brocade, trimmed with jet; made by Felix, of Paris.  
One black satin wrap, covered with coils of jet, and made by Worth.  
One dozen pieces of rare old lace.  
One lot of imported toilet articles.  
Estimated value of all, \$1,040.  
The property stolen from Mrs. Musser is:  
Four pieces of dress goods, one striped silk skirt, one striped silk waist, one brown silk wrapper, one white silk flannel wrapper, one black silk flannel wrapper; one white petticoat, two pairs of white muslin drawers.  
One black silk dress, one black waist, one pink silk waist, two pink silk skirts, one white silk handkerchief holder.  
Eight pairs of silk stockings, one piece of black silk, one black silk with black lace; one black silk, with black lace scarf.  
Seventy-five pieces of lace, five handkerchiefs, three lace and two linen; one silk washing, one pair of gilt shoes, one silk cover, two buckles, with rhinestones.  
One pair of white kid gloves, two linen handkerchiefs, two vases, two pieces of silk, one lace handkerchief, one bunch of feathers, two pieces of lace fringe, eleven men's silk handkerchiefs, one masculine set, one lace headband, six pieces of lace, one fan, one pink silk baby dress, one white skirt, one fan, feather; one razor, one fan.

The confession of Florence Brock, with the arrest of herself and sister has created intense excitement in the neighborhood where they live. They are both pretty and

joining that of the Woodmans was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bible. The flats are connected in the rear by a common fire escape. Mrs. Bible is an elder sister of Georgia Brock, and was married four years ago. The police say that both Georgia and Florence were in the habit of visiting the Bibles. The detectives are investigating the Woodman robberies.

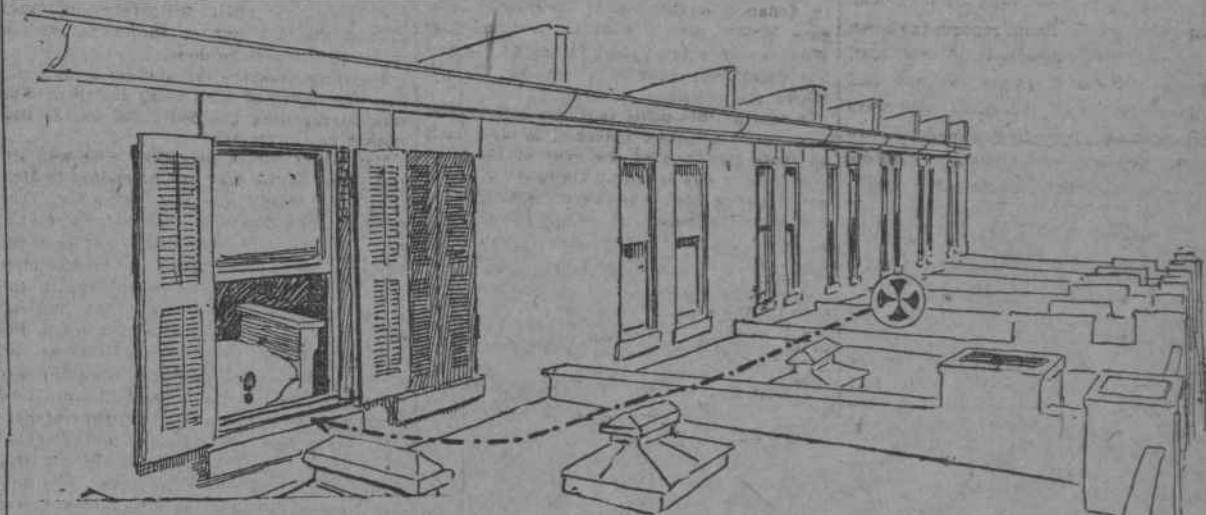
### JURORS FED ON WHISKEY.

Mrs. Eliza Thurston May Get a New Trial Because of Discoveries of Unusual Character.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 27.—After a jury had brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against Mrs. Eliza Thurston, for poisoning her husband, attorneys for the defence caused a sensation by demanding a new trial on the ground that several of the jurymen were drunk when the verdict was rendered. Over a dozen whiskey bottles, some containing liquor, were found in the room by Wheeler and Newell, the lawyers for Mrs. Thurston.

This morning Judge Forbes, who tried the case, listened to affidavits from reliable persons, who testified that liquor had been drunk by the jurors.

An affidavit by Justice Cole, of the Court House, was read. He said that last Saturday morning he found in a closet in the jury room a bottle of wine. Later in the



Maltese Cross Shows the Brock Window from Which Miss Brock Left and Entered the Trowbridge House.

have attracted attention on their bicycles. Detectives McNaught and Lang say that Mr. Durand Woodman, a chemist, having offices at No. 127 Pearl street and a residence at No. 135 West Ninety-sixth street, reported at the station house yesterday that his flat had been twice entered and robbed last winter. It appears that the flat ad-

day he found in a bed in the jury room a whiskey bottle. Juror Davis took another bottle from a bed, saying: "This is mine; I will take care of it." Later Cole found four whiskey bottles behind the radiator in the room. The jurors have hired ex-Senator O'Connor and Attorney Wales, it is said, to defend them.

votes on the measure, but there are not enough, apparently, to prevent the passage of the bill over the veto.

Senator Quay's "tonight" that the River and Harbor bill would undoubtedly pass the Senate over the President's veto. He added that the Senators are so anxious Mr. Zimmerman and the insurance people differed as to the amount of the loss. The police had been guarding the rail, but Tuesday they were called off for inspection.

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ENTIRE HOUSE STOLEN.  
While Newark Police Paraded, Thieves Tore Down and Carried Away the Building.  
A two-story house owned by C. E. Zimmerman, which stood at the corner of Elizabeth and Westcott streets, Newark, was stolen Tuesday evening, while the entire police department was out for annual inspection and drill.

The city had been negotiating with Zimmerman as to the amount of damages he should receive for a portion of the house which it was proposed to cut off, in order to widen the street. Several days ago a fire damaged the building, and Mr. Zimmerman and the insurance people differed as to the amount of the loss. The police had been guarding the rail, but Tuesday they were called off for inspection.

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THE BROCK RESIDENCE.

trunk that was captured. Mrs. Trowbridge had taken her dresses away, but the goods belonging to Mrs. Musser, another neighbor, are still at the station.

They are mostly articles of feminine gear, all costly and dazling to look upon, yet they are not the things that a young woman like Miss Georgia, much less her younger sister, could have worn. They seem more like the things that an expert burglar would have selected as being most easily disposed of in a pawnshop.

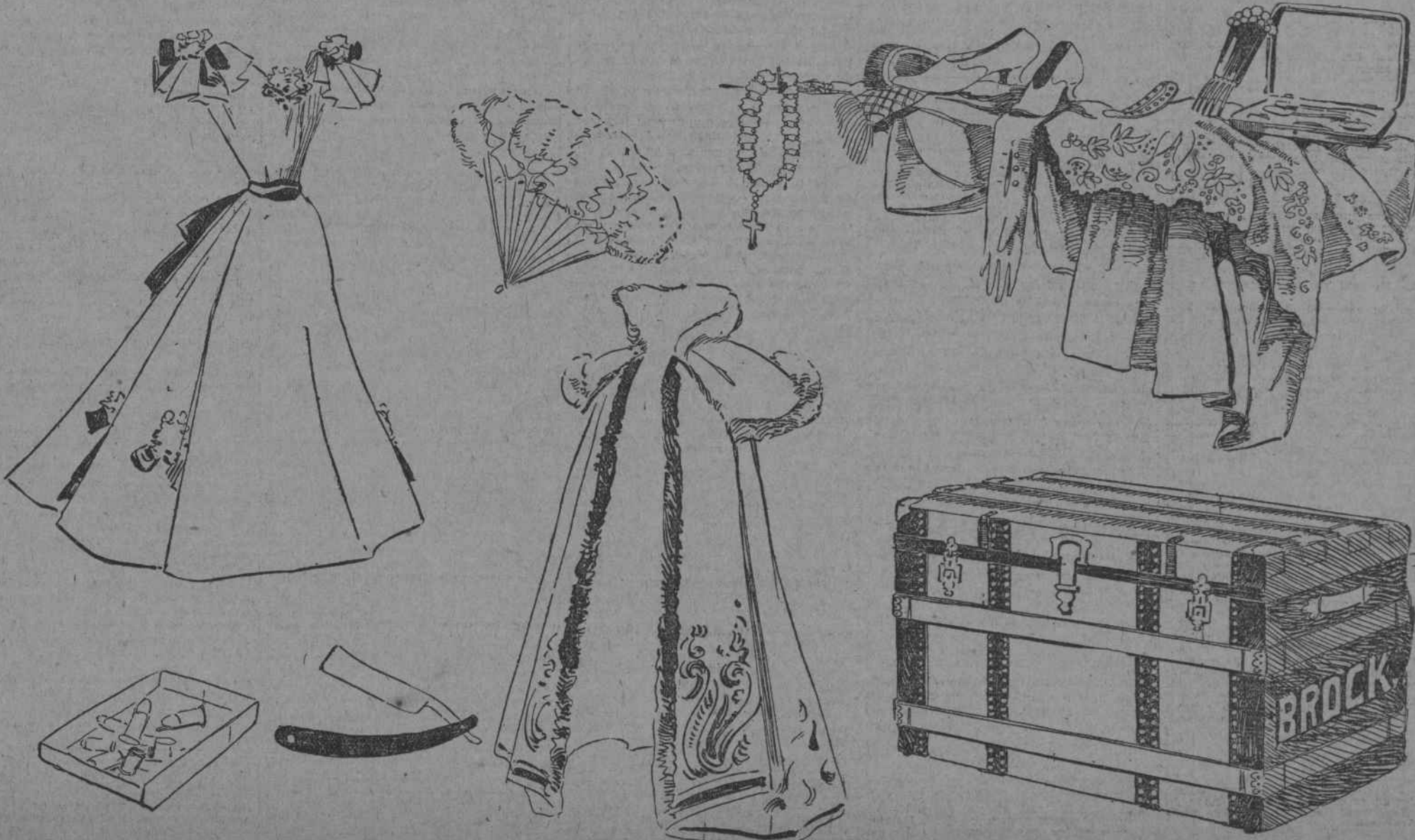
When the girls were arrested they manifested not the slightest emotion. Not by so much as the tremor of an eyelash did they betray the least nervousness. And here is another thing that puzzles the police—when their father heard of their arrest he maintained an imperturbable calm. He seemed to take it as the most natural thing in the world. So much was this so that many people in the police court commented upon it. Their father is Henry Brock, president of the Brock Commercial Company.

### MAY BE OTHER ARRESTS.

If the hopes of the detectives are realized, however, the truth about the robbery of Mrs. Trowbridge's imported bridal trousseau will be made known to the world before the end of the week. Although the detectives have recovered the stolen goods and arrested the girl who admits she stole the booty, they are not satisfied.

All day yesterday Detectives McNaught and Lang worked on the case, and last night they intimated there would be other arrests. They would not tell when these arrests would be made.

Georgia and Florence Brock, after they given bonds in \$1,000 each on Tuesday



The Brock Trunk and a Few of the Articles That Were in It.